GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of shortage of officers in each of the three wings of Armed Forces especially at the level of middle ranking officers as on date;

(b) the number of officers recruited in each of the three services to meet the shortage of officers in Armed Forces during the last year;

(c) the number of officers proceeded on pre-mature retirement during each of the last three years, wing- wise;

(d) the number of applications for pre-mature retirement pending with each of the three services headquarters as on date; and

(e) the steps being taken to check the exodus of officers from armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a)
Army	12,155
Navy	1044
Air Force	1800

(b)
Army	1712
Navy	246
Air force	522

(c)

	1998	1999	2000
Army	596	496	445
Navy	192	129	116
Air Force	218	149	97

(d)
Army	154
Navy	35
Air Force	51

(e) There is no exodus of officers from the three services. The exit is not alarming.